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I have seen the importance of curbing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting carbon sequestration for nearly ten years now. Infact, several years ago I edited the first landowner's guide to understanding terrestrial carbon credits in the country.

The mere act of officially capping greenhouse gas emissions will create a new income stream for Minnesotans. The revived marketplace for carbon credits will benefit our farmers, ranchers, and woodland owners.

Infact, as a small landowner in rural Minnesota I was actually able to derive modest family income from official sales of carbon credits on the Chicago Climate Exchange in 2007 and 2008 when this voluntary market was emerging and optimistic. Emission caps will re-energize the market and create a new source of supplemental funds for a wide spectrum of farmers in our state.

It can bring new cash to the most rural and poverty stricken geographies of Minnesota.

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The preponderance of scientific evidence -- not to mention the everyday experience of anyone who pays attention to longterm weather and climate -- strongly indicates that the planet is warming significantly and at an increasing rate, and that human activity is the cause. The results of this warming will be so catastrophic, that economic considerations of the moment will be irrelevant.

That fact that the MPCA wishes a more relaxed standard for greenhouse gas emissions -- mimicking the folly of the EPA, is distressing, depressing, and wrongheaded. It is crucial that we begin to address this problem in a serious fashion. Our goal should, in fact, be a zero-emissions policy. Yes, it will cost more, but what is human health, life, and the survival of our civilization worth? It is clear by now that some the states have been more responsible in regard to GHG emissions than the politically hamstrung federal government, and MN should continue to be in the vanguard.

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